ARTESIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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To Whom It May Concern;

    My name is Rose Drushella. I am writing to you
on behalf of the Artesia Fire Protection District
Board, and the Artesia Volunteer Fire Department.

    I am currently a member of the District Board of
Directors, a certified Firefighter I, Emergency Med-
ical Technician for the Artesia Volunteer Fire Department.

    Our fire district covers 96,000 acres of land.
In it's boundaries there are private sections, BLM
controlled areas and State Forest Service areas.

    During the last six years our small district has
undertaken many major upgrades, one to be mentioned
is our radio system.

    We do not have an extensive budget to operate on.
We are strictly tax funded. Our revenue for this year
is $40,000.00. We have put in for grants, done fund
raisers, and literally begged to put together the radio
system we have now.

    The proposed Rule Making issue FCC # 92-235 will
be devastating for our department. We do not have funds
to replace this radio system. Our radio system at
present is not an outstanding set up, but does allow
us communications between other fire entities and EMS
personnel. Our radio system is a vital part of our
department. Take our radio priviledges away form us,
and our department will fall.

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I am sure that our Fire Department and District are not the only ones in this situation. Please take our situations into consideration before voting on this issue.

If I can answer any questions or provide you with any information, please call or write to me at:

Rose Drushella
Artesia Fire Protection District
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303-374-2728

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rose Drushella
Artesia Fire Protection
  District Board